CHAPTER NO. 436

SENATE BILL NO. 94

By Springer

Substituted for: House Bill No. 369

By Kernell, Garrett, Brooks

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 12, relative to the board of veterinary medical examiners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-220(a), is amended by deleting item (25) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-226(a), is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

() Board of veterinary medical examiners, created by Section 63-12-104;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section thereto:

Section ____. The board shall promulgate rules governing the assessment of costs against a licensee or other person found by the board to have violated any provision of this chapter. The costs assessed by the board may include only those costs directly related to the prosecution of the charges against the licensee or other person, including investigatory costs where appropriate. The board shall determine the appropriate amount of costs, if any, to be assessed in a contested case. These costs shall be reasonable and proportionate in light of the violation committed by the licensee or other person.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 28, 1999

APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999